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## WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU RELEASES IMPAIRMENT FILE FORMATS FOR FORWARD AUCTION

AU Docket No. 14-252  
GN Docket No. 12-268  
WT Docket No. 12-269

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau today releases specifications for impairment file formats for the broadcast incentive auction. The Commission has determined that qualified bidders in the forward auction (Auction 1002) will have access to detailed impairment information upon receipt of their registration materials.<sup>1</sup> The attached specifications set forth the file formats in which this information will be made available to qualified bidders. We release specifications for impairment file formats now in order to enable prospective forward auction bidders to begin familiarizing themselves with the auction process.<sup>2</sup> We plan to release specifications for forward auction bidding data file formats shortly.

The attached specifications include, for each data file, an overall description of the file, the data fields that are included (with definitions of the data elements in each field), the data type, and notes or examples. Sample data is provided at the end of each file. We emphasize that the specifications we release today include sample data only; they do not reflect the actual impairment information that will be made available to qualified bidders during the auction.

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<sup>1</sup> *Broadcast Auction Scheduled to Begin March 29, 2016; Procedures for Competitive Bidding in Auction 1000, Including Initial Clearing Target Determination, Qualifying to Bid, and Bidding in Auctions 1001 (Reverse) and 1002 (Forward)*, AU Docket No. 14-252, GN Docket No. 12-268, WT Docket No. 12-269, MB Docket No. 15-146, Public Notice, 30 FCC Rcd 8975, 9043-44 para. 134 (2015).

<sup>2</sup> The impairment file formats we release today are subject to minor modifications as auction software is finalized.

<sup>3</sup> This Public Notice is being issued pursuant to section 0.131 by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, which is a member of the Incentive Auction Task Force. 47 C.F.R. § 0.131.